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NEGRO IS SHOT BY YOUNG COLUMBIAN

MR. DREW FOOTE PAINT-
FULLY WOUNDS LA-
BORER NEAR TIBBEE.

BLACK REFUSED TO OBEY COMMAND

After Firing Shot Young Man
Surrendered to Sheriff at
West Point.

On last Monday Mr. Drew Foote, a popular young man of this city, shot William Harris, a negro laborer, the shooting having occurred upon the plantation of Mr. Foote's sister, Mrs. Sidney Cox, in the Tibbee neighborhood, and having followed recalcitrant action on the part of the negro when told to go to work.

It seems that for some time past Mr. Foote had been helping his sister in looking after the laborers on the place and had occasion to reprimand Harris for laziness. He went to the house of the negro, and, according to reports, called him out and told him that he must do better. The negro, instead of receiving the command in a respectful manner, became insolent and surly, having addressed to the young white man words which no negro should use towards a superior. After having indulged in language which was highly disrespectful, Harris started back in his house, and Mr. Foote, thinking that he was going after a weapon, whipped out his own revolver and shot him. It is understood that the bullet passed through the body of the negro, causing a painful wound. It is not believed, however, that this wound will prove fatal.

The plantation on which the difficulty occurred is located in Clay county, and after having shot the negro Mr. Foote went to West Point, where he surrendered to the sheriff. He was released on bond and returned to Columbus Tuesday afternoon.

HANDSOME TROLLEY CARS ARRIVE FOR LOCAL SERVICE

HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE
CITY AND WILL START
RUNNING SUNDAY.

The three new trolley cars ordered some time ago by the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company, have reached the city and are now in the barns of the company on College street, where they are placed in order with the view of having them make their first run Sunday.

The three cars are new and modern in every respect, being equipped with double truck, general electric motors and are electrically lighted and heated. They are unusually attractive in appearance, being painted olive green with gilt lettering and trimmings.

The company is making improvements not only in its electrical equipment, but in its gas plant. The new compressor has arrived and is now being installed, while the mains are being thoroughly overhauled and placed in first class condition. A portion of the new turbine generator, which was ordered for the electric light plant, has been received and will be placed in position as soon as the remaining parts arrive.

Mr. R. B. Claggett, the efficient general manager of the company, and Mr. Charles Hays, the local manager, are doing everything possible to improve the service and please the patrons of the company. Mr. Claggett showed the new cars to newspaper representatives yesterday, and took them for a short joy ride in order that they might see how easy and comfortable these cars ride.

To Bring Body to U. S.

Boston, Oct. 18.—The body of Norman Prince, the American aviator who was fatally injured last week while operating an aeroblane in a French air raid on Aerodrome, will be brought to this country for burial, it was learned yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pennington have returned from a visit to Birmingham, and other points in Alabama.

Mr. J. T. McShan, of McShan, Ala., was a visitor to Columbus Sunday.

21 PEOPLE BITTEN BY RABID CANINE

MAD DOG CAUSES CON-
STERNATION AND SUFFER-
ING NEAR STEENS.

VICTIMS SENT TO MONTGOMERY

Head of Animal Sent to Che-
ists at A. & M. College For
Examination.

Activities on the part of a rabid canine have caused widespread consternation, alarm and suffering in the Steens neighborhood, twenty-one persons who were bitten by the animal having been sent to the Pasture Institute in Montgomery for treatment. It seems that the dog began promiscuous attacks on people in the neighborhood several days ago and bit more than twenty of them before he was finally killed. After the animal had been shot his head was removed and sent to State Chemist Hand at the Starkville institution, where an examination revealed the fact that the dog was badly afflicted with rabies.

As soon as this news reached Steens the persons who had been bitten by the dog went to Montgomery for treatment. There is no Pasture Institute in this state, and Mississippians who suffer ravages on the part of rabid canines are always compelled to go to either Montgomery or New Orleans for treatment. The capital of Alabama is nearer Steens than is New Orleans, and hence the victims went to Montgomery for treatment.

A special from Montgomery states that this is the largest number of patients to visit the Pasture Institute in that city since the early part of the year, when twenty-five persons, who were bitten by a mad dog at Lanette, Ala., went there for treatment.

GREEKS THROG STREETS OF ATHENS CHEERING KING

CHAOS REIGNS FOLLOWING THE
LANDING OF ALLIED MA-
RINES IN THE CITY.

Athens, via London, Oct. 18.—Marines from the ships of the entente powers to the number of about a thousand have been landed at Piraeus and have occupied the railway station at Piraeus and several buildings in Athens. Immediately this became known the streets of Athens swarmed with Greeks, frantically cheering King Constantine and chanting the Greek national anthem. Great crowds gathered through the streets, thousands gathering in the neighborhood of the postoffice.

The situation appears to be dangerous. Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the entente allied fleet in the Mediterranean, was hissed, and a detachment of French sailors was driven back by a hostile crowd.

A procession of some 4,000 malcontents, headed by the Greek and American flags, stopped outside the American legation, protested against the landing of foreign marines and demanded the protection of the American minister, who was absent.

The demonstrators then paraded the streets, singing the Greek national anthem.

The war minister, Gen. Dracos, ordered out Greek troops and marines to guard every approach to the square in order to prevent any clash between Greek civilians and the French, who occupied that section, establishing a complete cordon about the French and taking all precautions to avoid any incident or accident capable of starting strife.

Elett Officers.

The Dramatic Club, at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, has named the following officers for the current session: Miss Gladys Gunter, of this city, president; Miss Wortley Turner, of Crawford, vice-president; Miss Lillian Mosher, of Senatobia, secretary and treasurer; Miss Pattie Lawless, of Memphis, business manager. The members of this club are arranging to present at an early date Margaret Mayo's popular comedy-drama, "Polity of the Circus."

GREEK OFFICERS LOYAL TO THEIR KING



Photo by American Press Association. Officers commanding troops in Athens who stuck to King Constantine of Greece during his long diplomatic effort to keep out of war.

GOOD RESULTS OBTAINED BY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

MRS. WILLIAM BALDWIN WILL
CONTINUE TO BE PRESI-
DENT OF LEAGUE.

At a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce last Friday, the Civic Improvement League closed the first year in its history. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. William Baldwin; vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Lipscomb; secretary, Mrs. Berton Lincoln. Preceding the election of officers, the president reviewed briefly the work of the year just ended, in substance as follows:

"Realizing that good sanitary conditions are a prime necessity, the League has, through its department of health and sanitation, made the attainment of such conditions its first consideration. To this end, it has conducted two clean-up campaigns last fall, and a more thorough and far-reaching one the past spring in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. We were instrumental in securing the services of Dr. Walley, state health inspector, as a result of whose visit the League entered the state contest for the cleanest town. To arouse interest in this contest, four preliminary meetings were held in various parts of the town, including one for the colored people. Slides were run at the picture show. City ordinances bearing on sanitary matters were compiled and published in the local papers. And in addition to the six regular ward committees, ten inspection committees were appointed and did active work. While local conditions over which we had no control made it impossible to win in this contest, we feel that Columbus had the best cleaning it has ever experienced. And we point to two new city ordinances as at least an indirect result of the contest: that requiring property owners to keep vacant lots in good condition; and that requiring surface closets to be fly-proof.

"Realizing the value of arousing in our future citizens a sense of civic pride, Junior Leagues have been organized among the school children. A league has also been formed among the colored people. While to our high school committee, public opinion gives a large share of the credit for the new building soon to be erected.

"Lack of funds has made it almost impossible to accomplish anything in the way of city planning; and after all, important as this is, it naturally grows out of these other more basic efforts. But even in this direction, a beginning has been made in a small park at the Southern station, which the railroad authorities have agreed that they will enlarge and improve if the League will continue its support.

"But more important, perhaps, than the things actually done, which to the outsider may seem slight, has been the educational value of the League to the members themselves. The working together toward a common end, whether success or failure, as its final result to an increased spirit of co-operation and to a greater civic and community consciousness."

Fire Destroys Barn.

A large barn on the plantation of G. C. Franks, several miles east of Columbus, was destroyed by fire the past week. A large amount of corn and hay and a horse were burned. The loss, which is estimated at about \$1,000, is not covered by insurance. This makes the second barn that Mr. Franks has had destroyed by fire during the past year.

LIST OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IS GIVEN OUT

MISSISSIPPI IS REPRESENTED
ON BALLOT BY FOUR DIFFERENT PARTIES.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 18.—The list of candidates for presidential elector whose names will be placed on the official ballot to be voted for on Nov. 7, is given by Secretary of State J. W. Power as follows:

Democratic—From state-at-large, W. A. Henry and Jesse D. Jones; first district, E. C. Sharp; second district, S. Joe Owen; third district, Roger Montgomery; fourth district, Hugh M. Badley; fifth district, J. L. Byrd; sixth district, J. D. Donald; seventh district, James McClure; eighth district, James R. McDowell. Republican—From state-at-large, S. S. Matthews and J. A. Toler; first district, H. E. Fitts; second district, J. Calcott; third district, Louis Waldauer; fourth district, C. H. Thomas; fifth district, S. T. Walls; sixth district, L. R. Collins; seventh district, Percy Matthews; eighth district, J. Jay White.

Progressive—From state-at-large, R. F. Fridge and J. H. Cook; first district, P. C. Lewis; second district, A. V. Hiller; third district, M. S. McLean; fourth district, J. W. Wingo; fifth district, S. S. Coleman; sixth district, T. W. Collins; seventh district, G. H. Sager; eighth district, J. Marshall Moore.

Socialist—From state-at-large, D. R. Hearn and A. H. Lampe; first district, J. B. Baytor; second district, R. B. Edwards; third district, J. C. Shankle; fourth district, G. W. Powell; fifth district, V. L. Egger; sixth district, E. E. Champion; seventh district, W. C. Kennedy; eighth district, E. F. Miller.

It seems assured, as past experience has demonstrated, the votes cast for the Democratic electors will run far away from those cast for the 30 representing the opposition parties, whose combined strength has generally been an almost negligible quantity.

The other parties have no nominees for United States senator or for supreme court judge, though the Socialists have congressional candidates in the second, fifth, sixth and eighth districts. These will receive the usual scattering vote, and Representatives Stephens, Venable, Harrison and Collier, the Democratic nominees are showing no nervousness nor feeling any doubt as to the outcome.

John Sharp Williams, the Democratic nominee for United States senator, running for re-election in the state-at-large, will be voted for statewide, just as will the party electors, and being without opposition, even a dozen votes cast for the office would be sufficient to elect him. But it is not believed that Senator Williams will run behind the ticket, but on the contrary, that he will poll the voting strength, as he undoubtedly should, in recognition of his able and conspicuous service to his country and party during the trying three years and a half of its political administrative and legislative history.

Sale of Electric Irons.

Saturday will be known as Edison Day, and the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Co. will offer one hundred General Electric \$3.75 irons to the first one hundred customers for the small price of \$1.00 and an old sad iron. This proposition is made only to customers of the company, and only to those who have not already an electric iron. This is quite an offer and should be taken up by persons who are eligible to secure one of the irons.

Commercial Ads are Winners.

STATE RIFLEMAN LEAVE FOR MEXICAN BORDER

AFTER WAITING ORDERS SINCE
JUNE MISSISSIPPI BOYS
ARE NOW ENROUTE.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 18.—After waiting patiently and submissively for marching orders towards the Rio Grande since mobilization began back in June, the Mississippi soldiers are finally started on their jaunt to the far southwest, entraining having been begun on Saturday. That is to say, the equipment and chattels were loaded on the cars sent for their transportation during the past week, including rifles and other accoutrements. It was not until Monday afternoon that the tourist coaches ordered here for transporting the men reached the local yards. These reached here in sections, and immediately the force of cleaners and inspectors became busy with the task of preparing them for their next groups of tenants.

There was little to be done Tuesday except to send out provost guards about Jackson and vicinity to round up loiterers and absentees and return them to camp. The entire camp, except the squad which is to be left for guard duty, slept the past night under their dog tents, and Tuesday morning these were done up in the service ponchos and travel rations were served.

The troop trains were routed out of Jackson over the Natchez branch of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley to Hattiesburg, where they were sent on the main line to Baton Rouge, at which point the Mississippi river was crossed.

The first section pulled out in charge of Lieut. Col. Boyd shortly after 3 o'clock, made up of nine tourist coaches, one standard sleeper, kitchen cars, stock cars and equipment cars. This was followed an hour later by the second section, in charge of Col. Hoskins himself, the last section, in charge of Maj. Hognboom, leaving the yards shortly after 5 o'clock.

The entire command was given a hearty and enthusiastic send-off, accompanied by the usual affecting scenes as husbands and wives, fathers and children, young men and maidens exchanged final farewells.

When the First Mississippi Regiment of infantry pulled out Tuesday afternoon for the long run to San Antonio, Texas, two of its enlisted men were left behind, one in a hospital for treatment of his injuries and one in the hands of the county authorities to await the result of injuries inflicted on his comrade. Robert Lum and Emmett Mallett, both said to be members of D Company, from Vicksburg, had a falling out, which was accompanied by a fistfight, in which Mallett came out to the best advantage. After Lum has recovered his footing he is said to have picked up an ax and hurled it at Mallett, striking him in the back of the head, inflicting painful and possibly serious injuries. Mallett was sent to a private sanatorium for treatment, while Lum, his assailant, has been left in the hands of Sheriff Wells of Hinds county. There is also a charge of desertion against Lum, for which he was sentenced to three months in the guardhouse.

Rev. E. P. Craddock, of Maud, Ala., spent Tuesday in Columbus with relatives, en route to Iuka, where he will make his future home.

Mr. Fred Shull is spending the week in Meridian enjoying the Mississippi-Alabama fair.

Mr. John B. Sale, of Tibbee, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. A. T. Sale.

WILSON GROWING STRONGER DAILY

REPUBLICANS SPENDING
LARGE SUMS IN EFFORT
TO STEM THE TIDE.

G. O. P. LEADERS BECOMING UNEASY

Pivotal States Conceded to
Wilson and Former Republi-
can Strongholds Doubtful.

Washington, Oct. 18.—So irresistible is the apparent trend of the country to the Democratic ticket that the followers of Woodrow Wilson are fearfully repeating the 1909 utterances of the Rev. Brooks Lawrence: "We've got 'em beat if they don't buy us."

And there is reason to believe that the Republicans are preparing, during the last three weeks of the campaign, "to buy us." The admissions of the Washington Post and other newspapers, generally regarded as irreconcilably Republican, to the effect that in all probability Wilson will carry not only such normally doubtful states as Ohio, Wisconsin and Illinois, but will, in addition, sweep into the fold the rock-ribbed Republican commonwealths of Massachusetts and Connecticut, has caused Republican strategists, it is said, to "fall back" on their greatest and strongest "argument". That argument is reported to be money.

And on the other hand, the Democrats are beginning to fear these modern gift-bearing Greeks. It is almost unbelievable that Republican papers would admit that Wilson has the advantage in Ohio, Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Connecticut when it is as improbable that Wilson will carry Massachusetts as that he will carry Pennsylvania.

The Probable Truth.

But in the entire story as related from day to day by Republican newspapers, Democrats, despite "too

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HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER
THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A
BRIEF FORM.

The condition of the United States treasury at the close of business Saturday was Net balance in general fund, \$160,979,367. Total ordinary receipts, \$2,939,111. Total ordinary payments, \$2,527,280. The deficit this fiscal year is \$70,543,465, against a deficit of \$43,318,575 last year, exclusive of Panama canal and public debt transactions.

To check the operations of alleged organizers of illegal farm loan banks who are said to already have fleeced farmers of hundreds of thousands of dollars, the federal farm loan board, on its tour of the south, beginning Monday, October 23, will seek to familiarize farmers with the purpose and usages of the new law.

For the first time in two weeks New York had plenty of milk and cream for breakfast Monday, the milk strike having been finally ended when Borden's, the last of the big distributors, signed new contracts with the up-state dairymen.

Ten men were killed and 11 others seriously injured when a train on the Burlington railroad crashed into a freight caboose in which the men were riding, twelve miles east of Elwood, Neb., Monday night.

Formation of the first organization for co-operative selling to give American industry an advantage over foreign competitors in foreign markets was announced the past week by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The organization consists of an export sales company representing 80 per cent of the Douglas fir timber cut in this country, and the bureau considers that it will give American lumber a decided advantage in the trade struggle that will follow the war.

Carnival Here Next Week.

The Leggett and Brown Carnival Company will be in Columbus the coming week and is being looked forward to with much enthusiasm by the people here, especially children. This carnival carries quite a number of good shows and riding devices, and will no doubt be well attended.

NEW HIGH LEVEL IN COTTON MARKET

STAPLE HAS ADVANCED
NEARLY 80 POINTS IN
PAST TWO DAYS.

PRICES NEAR THE 20 CENT MARK

Total Net Gain Amounts to
Something Like Four Dol-
lars a Bale.

Rapid advances have taken place in the cotton market during the past two days and the staple is now bringing higher prices than at any time since the period immediately following the close of the civil war.

The market took a spurt upward Tuesday, and prices advanced 36 points, while yesterday's session witnessed another gain of something like 40 points, the total advance during the two days having been something like 80 points, which is tantamount to four dollars a bale. The 18-cent level has long since been passed, New York spots now holding firm at 18.60, while quotations on futures are still higher.

At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 18.60, December futures in New York at 18.65, New Orleans spots at 18.18 and December futures in New Orleans at 18.06. In the local market good middling was quoted at 17.68.

Educators to Meet.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 18.—Superintendents of education of every county in Mississippi have been called to meet in Jackson on Oct. 25 and 26 by State Superintendent of Education W. F. Bond. The meetings will be held in the senate chamber of the capitol and will be devoted to the discussion of problems confronting the public school system.

COLUMBIANS CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SOLDIERS HOME

SONS OF VETERANS HEAD
MOVEMENT HERE TO BUILD
ADDITIONAL QUARTERS.

Governor Theo. G. Bilbo has written letters to citizens in each county of the state urging upon them to raise funds for the purpose of building additional dormitories at the Old Soldiers' Home at Beauvoir, and asks that the sum of \$50 be raised in each county, \$25 from the ladies and \$25 from the men. This matter was brought up before an interesting meeting held by Columbus Camp, Sons of Veterans, at the city hall Monday night, and Commander B. A. Lincoln, who was presiding, appointed the following committee to solicit funds: Messrs. Beverly Matthews, E. A. Stanley, John A. Morton and J. R. Randle. This committee has been at work the past two days and nearly every citizen that has been approached has gladly contributed.

At the meeting of the Sons of Veterans several other interesting matters were discussed, among them being the coming reunion of the Mississippi Division, Confederate Veterans, which is to be held here November 1, 2 and 3. Mr. John A. Morton, chief of police, stated that he had arranged to have two mounted police in the spectacular parade which is to take place on the third day of the reunion. Reports from several committees were read.

Prohibitionists Meet.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 18.—Prohibitionists from all sections of the state are gathered here for a mass meeting and rally which is to launch a determined fight to carry the anti-liquor advertising and the quart-at-a-time law, which is to be referred to the people for referendum election next month. Senator James K. Vardaman, Miss Anna Gordon, a Woman's Christian Temperance worker, and other prominent speakers, addressed last night's meeting.

Mr. Earl E. Burris, of Corinth, was here yesterday to attend the wedding of his brother, Mr. Oscar Burris, who was married to Miss Emma Chandler.